--- 20 Pounds - “Series of 1883”- BLACK - SNUFF - 4th BABN Contract of October 22nd 1886 ---

--- inscribed with OVER *40%* / MOISTURE ---

--- lithographed in Ottawa on horizontal mesh wove - design 455 x 19 mm. ---

--- RS-50(L) - perforated 12 - with 5 mm. red control numbering - scanned at 35% scale ---

--- three beavers plus foliage - with the 25 mm. “Montreal” imprint ---

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The catalogue lists the lithographed “Series of 1883” 20 pound, blue, “Over 40% Moisture” snuff strip as follows:

RS-50(L) - 20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. blue controls three beavers with foliage, with the 26 mm. “Montreal” imprint

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3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) John McKay records 12,775 *lithographed* copies of “SNUFF, 20 lbs. Blue, Over 40% Moisture” as delivered. These were **RS-50(L)**.

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) John McKay reports 5,127 *lithographed* copies of “SNUFF, 20 lbs. Blue Over 40% Moisture” as delivered. These are also **RS-50(L)**.

3rd BABN Contract	**RS-50(L)**	12,775 lithographed	**000001** to **012775**
4th BABN Contract	**RS-50(L)**	5,127 lithographed	**012776** to **017902**

--- Over 40% Moisture ---

★**RS-50(L)** - 20 pounds, blue, perf 12, with 5 mm. control **016862**,
lithographed in Ottawa on horizontal mesh wove - three beavers plus foliage, and the “Montreal” imprint

016516	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
016607	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
016663	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
016677	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
016678	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
016693★	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
016791	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
016810★	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
016831	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
016834★	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
016862★	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
016871	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove
016874	RS-50(L)	20 pounds, blue, perforated 12, lithographed on horizontal mesh wove

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The collection *does not* contain a copy of **S-118** lithographed in Montreal under the **3rd BABN Contract** of October 22nd 1878 (with a control number below **012775**).

--- 20 Pounds - “Series of 1883”- BLUE - SNUFF - 3rd BABN Contract of October 22nd 1878 ---

--- inscribed with OVER *40%* / MOISTURE ---

--- ★RS-52 PP - Blue plate proof - with the 25 mm. “Montreal” imprint - scanned at 35% scale ---

--- *recess printed* on horizontal mesh wove - design 455 x 19 mm. ---

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★**RS-52 PP** - 20 pounds, blue, “Over 40% Moisture”, imperforate plate proof, without control numbering, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove - three beavers plus foliage, and the “Montreal” imprint

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★**RS-52 PP** - 20 pounds, blue, “Over 40% Moisture”, imperforate proof, with purple 4mm. Gothic control **7 5 2 4 1**, recess printed on horizontal mesh wove - three beavers plus foliage, and the “Montreal” imprint, from the “Ferrari” collection - scanned at 25% and 100% scale

All of the stamps (bearing 4 mm. Gothic purple control numbers) seem to come from the “Series of 1883”. I feel that these were prepared by BABN for Philatelic Exhibitions in the mid-1880’s. Only a few of these in the Coupon stamps have been found on *block watermarked* paper, which seems to indicate that they were from 1885 or earlier.

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